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A ſhort Account of the moſt conſiderable News, Foreign and Domeſtick.

Edinburgh, Tueſday June 5, 1722.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 31.

This Day we had a Mail from France.

Gibraltar, May 1. N. S.

FOR the greater Encouragement of Trade between Foreign Merchants and thoſe of this Place, His Britannic Majeſty hath granted a Patent for the Erecting of a Court of Juſtice here, to decide all Differences of a Civil Nature, ariſing from Debts or other Affairs of Commerce. This Court conſiſts of an Auditor and two of our principal Merchants, who are authorized to determine Cauſes not exceeding 300 *L. Sterl.* but, ſo as Appeals will lie to our Governor only: Whereas if the Diſpute is for more than that Sum, the Parties may appeal to any of the Courts of Juſtice in England. Our laſt Letters from Tetuan adviſe, That they had now great Hopes of a pretty good Harveſt.

Paris, May 29. We have great Rumours of the King of Sardinia's Preparations for War more than ever; yet it appears to be the Regent's Deſire to deliver up the Crown in Peace to his Majeſty, when he comes to Age next Year, and as free of Debt as poſſible: Mean-while he would fain have ſome Expedient found, that might give Satisfaction to the King of Spain with regard to his Demands.

Paris, June 6. On the 1ſt paſt Don Patricio Lawles, the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, had a particular Audience of the King, to whom he introduced the Marquis de Lede, and afterwards to the Infanta Queen and the Duke Regent. The Chevalier de Loyons has taken Poſſeſſion of his Poſt as Admiral of the naval Forces.

The laſt Advices from Marſeilles ſay, That the Peſtilence is not entirely relapſed within the City, but in the Neighbourhood; whereupon Abundance of Families are already retired into the Country with their beſt Effects.

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From the Flying Poſt, May 29.

Paris, June 3. We are aſſured, That a Courier is arrived from Rome, who has brought three Letters to the King, the firſt of which gives him Authority to chuſe his own Father Confeſſor, the ſecond, to eſtabliſh the Grand Almoner Biſhop of the Court, and the third, to proſecute the ſeven Biſhops: But this needs Confirmation.

London, May 29. To-morrow is the Birth-day of their Royal Highneſſes the two younger Princeſſes, who were lately innoculated for the ſmall Pox, viz. Amelia Sophia Eleonora, who was Born May 30, 1711; and Elizabeth Carolina, who was Born May 30, 1713.

'Tis ſaid that ſome of the Directors of the Bank and South Sea dined laſt Week with the Right Honourable Robert Walpole Eſq; and that an Agreement was concluded between thoſe two Companies on Thurſday laſt.

We hear that a Proclamation is ordered to Edinburgh, for Aſſembling the Peers of Scotland to elect a new Peer in the Room of the Earl of Rothes deceaſed.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, May 29.

Frankfort, May 26. Letters from Vienna Import, That the Emperor lately ſummoned all the Miniſters at Vienna to repair to Laxemburg, in order to aſſiſt at a great Council, for taking a final Reſolution, with Reſpect to the Eccleſiaſtical Affairs of the Palatinate and other Parts of Germany: In the Mean-time, the Palatine Miniſter at Vienna endeavours all he can to prevent any Reſolution, which may tend to his Maſters Prejudice. 'Tis certain, That the Roman Clergy in the Palatinate will never do Juſtice to the oppreſſed Proteſtants, which they pretend has been done already, without bluſhing at a Lye, and hectoring the Proteſtants into the Belief of it. We are well aſſured, That the projected Union between the Proteſtants of both Denominations, will at laſt be brought to Perfection, in ſpite of all Impediments which have hitherto obſtructed ſo good a Deſign, They write from Newkirk, a Village not far from Heidleberg, That a Lutherian and a Reformed Miniſter falling out in their Diſpute about the Doctrine of Predeſtination, Conſubſtantiation, and other abſtruſer Points, they proceeded even to reviling Language, and ſo parted; towards Night the Reformed Preacher ſent the other Word, Brother, the Sun is going down: with that the rigid Lutherian remembered St. Paul's Saying, *Let not the Sun go down upon thy Wrath*; and made haſte and found out his Brother, fell on his Neck and embraced him.

Hague, June 2. The opening of the Congreſs of Cambray ſeems as remote as ever. Count Staremberg the Emperor's appointed Ambaſſador to the Court of Great Britain, is expected here To-morrow.

From the London Gazette, May 29.

St. James's, May 29. Yeſterday being his Majeſty's Birth-day, there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court, of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, Bonfires, and other Publick Demonſtrations of Joy throughout London and Weſtminſter.

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An humble Addreſs from the Mayor, Jurats, Common Council, Gentlemen and Freemen of the Town and Port of Dover, has been preſented to his Majeſty by the Honourable George Berkley Eſq; and Henry Furneſt Eſq; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, accompanyed by ſeveral Gentlemen of the Corporation; who had all the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, Conſtable of Dover Caſtle, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

An humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonality of the City of Winchester, has been preſented to his Majeſty, by the Right Honourable the Lord William Pawlet, one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament, accompanyed by ſeveral Gentlemen of the Corporation, who had all the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand; being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bridgewater.

From the London Journal, May 29.

London, May 26. Laſt Week a Perſon from France was ſeized at Rye, ſoon after he had landed; and being ſearched and examined, ſeveral Letters were found about him to ſome Papiſts of Note of this Kingdom, and in particular to ſome in the Neighbourhood of Newcaſtle, dated many of them from Convents, and all of them expreſſing that the Bearer was able to give a juſt Account of the States of Things, without a Sylable of what Things; from theſe Circumſtances, and an ill packed Account of himſelf, he is ſtill in Cuſtody there, and Notice has been given to the Court.

One Kelley, an Officer in General Dillon's Regiment in France, who for ſome time that he has been here, took upon him the Name of Johnſton, has been ſeized by the King's Meſſengers at his Lodgings in Bury-ſtreet, St. James's, on Suſpicion of having Deſigns againſt the Government. The Meſſengers ſurptizing him in the Night, he ſtarted out of bed; and with his Sword drawn, forced them out of his Chamber as they were entering, the Door having not been locked: Then faſtning the Door, while they were gone for ſome of the Guards, he burnt all his Papers and with them his Hat (which makes it appear ſome Papers were quilted up there) with a Candle he had burning in the Room. When he was examined and asked why he burnt theſe Papers? He reply'd, they were Letters of Love and Gallantry, and that if they had been ſeen by any other but himſelf, he might have ſuffered under the Imputation of betraying the Ladies: Another Officer of that Regiment is alſo taken up; as are ſeveral other ſuſpected Perſons.

It's talked, That a Body of Troops have received Orders to be ready to march at the firſt Notice, in caſe of any Deſign againſt the City; and that further Detachments are ordered for the Security of the Tower.

We hear that Colonel Churchill, who is gone to Spain, is ordered, after viſiting the Ports of Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, to reſide at Madrid.

Some time ſince the Chevalier d' Eon, his Catholick Majeſty's Director for the Affairs of the Aſſiento in London, attended by a Committee of the South Sea Directors, and two Mathematicians, went on board the South Sea Ship, the Royal Prince, bound this Year for Vera Cruz, and took their Dimenſions, in order to aſcertain her Tunnage by the Spaniſh Rule, That thereupon a Cedula may be obtained for her Admiſſion in the Indies, without being Subject to any future Menſuration.

Out of the 14 Candidates which appeared at the South Sea House for Commanders of the Company's two new Sloops, the Directors have made Choice of Capt. George Jeſton, and Capt. Peter Omer.

A few Days ago, a Youth that was Under-Butler to the Lord Bathurſt, had the ſmall Pox on him, and as the Experiment was out of the common Method, he was to have 10l. for undergoing it; but he never lived to receive that Money, for he had the Diſtemper in ſo violent a Manner, that he deceaſed on Saturday laſt, at his Nurſes Houſe in Swallow-ſtreet, St. James's.

From the Evening Poſt, May 29.

Copenhagen, May 30. Tho' our Fleet is now entirely equipped, we don't here when, nor whither they are to ſail; on the other Hand, the fitting out of other Men of War, which was begun is countermanded; 'tis alſo talked, that ſome of the largeſt of thoſe already fitted out will be laid up; from whence it is conjectured, nothing conſiderable will be done at Sea this Summer.

Altena, June, 2. Our Letters from Ruſſia do not mention any thing of the Czar's Departure for Aſtracan, but ſay the building of Men of War and Gallies at Petersburg and Archangel, is ſtill carried on with extream Expedition.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 29.

Copenhagen, May 26. All the King's Council came back hither to day from Fredricksburg, and immediately diſpatched an Expreſs to the Secretary of the Embaſſy at Stockholm. The Ruſſian Reſident here has put off his Departure, has hired an Houſe, and gives out, That he has received Orders from his Court to continue here ſometime longer.

Hamburgh, June 2. They write from Copenhagen, That the Fleet of 26 Men of War ly ready to ſail on the firſt Notice; and thoſe deſigned for the Eaſt, had already ſet Sail with a fair Wind.

Hague, June, 5. This Morning Mr. Walpole was in Conference with the Deputies of the States. The Lord Whiteworth, who is ſhortly expected here from Berlin in his Way to London, is to be ſucceeded by Mr. Scot, the Britiſh Miniſter at Dreſden.

Naples, May 12. Six Tartans are ſailed from Orbitello, with warlike Stores and Proviſions.

Vienna, May 23. The Emperor continues to hold frequent Councils upon the preſent Situation of Affairs.

Dublin, May 22. Handyſide's Regiment is to be embarked To-morrow Morning at this Port.

Dublin, May 16. This Afternoon arrived General Maccartney.

London, May 31. They write from Portſmouth, May 29th, That the Day before, being his Majeſty's Birth-day, was obſerved there with great Rejoycings. The Artillery and ſmall Arms were fired three times round, and all the Military Officers were ſplendidly entertained at Dinner by the Governour.

To-morrow the Roman Catholicks in and about this City are to appear in the Courts of Weſtminſter, to take the Oaths required by ſeveral Acts of Parliament.

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From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 31.

Laſt Letters from the Leeward Iſlands bring Advice, that the Pyrates are very buſy on that Coaſt, having lately taken ſeveral Ships.

We hear from Greenwich, that on Munday laſt the diſaffected Party in and about that Town, oppoſed very much the publick Rejoycings there, and would by no Means ring the Bells; which the new Church Warden being acquainted with, ſent immediately, at his own proper Charge, to London, for a Company of Ringers, whom he entertained very handſomely.

Laſt Monday Evening, being his Majeſty's Birth-day, a Boneſire three Story high was made before Bellſize Gate at Hamſtead; and two Tables were furniſhed with ſeveral Sorts of Wine, where all Gentlemen were welcome to drink what they pleaſed; the common People had their fill of ſtrong Beer, which was given them by Pails-full. The Servants of the Houſe had all Fire Arms, which they diſcharged ſeveral Times at Drinking of the Royal Healths, and with the Multitude of Spectators, gave loud Huzza's of *King George for ever.*

Wye's Letter, verbatim, May 31, 1722.

LEtters from the North by the laſt Holland Mail aſſure, That the Czar has actually formed a Deſign to beſiege Danzick by Sea and Land. In the mean time the Poles are likewiſe apprehenſive of ſome Project againſt their Republick, where the diſcontented Nobility continue to ſtrengthen their Party, and correſpond ſecretly with the Emperor of Ruſſia, to the Prejudice of their Sovereign King Auguſtus. 'Tis thought that the Muſcovite Fleet is to try the Temper of the Danes, or rather make a Pretence for a Rupture with that Crown, and will attempt a Paſſage through the Sound, without ſtriking Sail or paying Toll at Elſenore, as the Ships of all other Nations have been obliged to do Time out of mind.

Theſe from Stockholm intimate, That the Money was not yet received which the Czar was to pay concerning the City of Wybourg, purſuant to the late Treaty of Peace; and that ſome Difficulties are ſtarted relating to the Regulation of Limits between the two States.

The Affairs concerning Religion in the Empire ſtill have a diſmal Aſpect: Thoſe in the Palatinate grow daily worſe and worſe. They tell us in particular, That a Schoolmaſter of the Reformed at Le-back was taken out of his Bed the 22d Inſtant, and with two others, thrown into a Dungeon of the Caſtle of Wyſemburgh.

Letters from Vienna remark, That the Diſpoſitions of the Italian Princes will be plainly diſcovered as ſoon as Contributions are demanded of them. That the Emperor and his Miniſters are very attentive to the Motions of the Spaniards, and had reſolved to ſend more Troops to Italy.

We hear there will be a private Call of the Serjeants this Term, when the Lord Chief Baron Gilbert, lately arrived from Ireland (of which Kingdom John Parnel Eſq; is made a Judge, in Room of Godfrey Beat Eſq; deceaſed) will have the Honour of the Coife, to qualify him in the Place of . Baron of the Exchequer in England.

The Author of the Free-holders Journal is ſtill upon the Definition of Tyranny, and ſhewing the Cauſes and Effects of it; in one Part of his Paper publiſhed yeſterday, he expreſſes to this Effect, ' That when a weak giddy Creature " has the Itch of abſolute Power upon him, if he finds the People unapt to bear

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" the Galling Yoak, he begins to mould them to his Purpoſe by debauching their " Morals, and moſt induſtriouſly promoting the deſtructive Practice of Gaming, " as the readieſt Way to make People Neceſſitous, and complying with the moſt " ſcandalous Methods of relieving their Wants: Then he thruſts into the Ad- " miniſtration Perſons of the moſt deſpicable Qualities, who are the fitteſt Tools " of Tyranny: Whereas on the other Hand, a wiſe Prince knows that Arbitrary " Power is a Deluge that deſtroys the Country, and therefore muſt think him- " ſelf Safer in the Love and Confidence of his Subjects, than in their Murmurs, " Heart Burnings and Irreligion.

Laſt Night his Majeſty, the Prince and Princeſs, were at the Opera of *Guſaldi*. His Majeſty goes To-morrow to Kenſingtoun, to reſide there for ſome Time; and 'tis reported, will make a Progreſs this Summer to the Weſt of England. His Majeſty has ſent for the Artillery Company, to review them in St. James's Park To-morrow.

Yeſterday the Houſhold Goods and Plate, *&c.* of Mr. Red, one of the late S. S. Directors, were ſold by Auction; and one of his Agents bought up the moſt of them. The Stock of the Company is ſain to 90 and an Half.

It ſeems that the Meeting laſt Evening of the Bank and S. S. Company with Mr. Walpole, was not attended with the expected Succeſs: But 'tis given out, that another of theſe Meetings will perfect that grand Affair; which however, many of thoſe intereſted in the South Sea are much averſe to.

Notwithſtanding that the Conſpiracy is thought by ſome to be laid aſide, yet the Government continues to take all the neceſſary Precautions; and upon certain Informations given, the Gates of Sommerſet-houſe were Yeſterday ſhut up, and diligent Search made there by the King's Meſſengers:

The Duke of Argyle is arrived in Town from Scotland.

On the 18th paſt there happened at Eland in Yorkſhire a thundering Shower, which raiſed the Waters ſo high that it carried away ſeveral Mills and many Houſes, and large Quantities of Woollen Manufactures; and 25 Perſons were drowned.

P. S. The Duke of Berwick is appointed Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain. The King has made a Promotion of Brigadiers of Foot.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Meadow called Straiton's *Meadow, lying near the City of* Edinburgh, *to the* South *of it; containing about Fifty five Acres of improveable Ground, commodiouſly Situate, and having a large Houſe and Brewary built thereupon: Is to be ſet in Tack for a long Term of Years, to commence from* Martimas *next. Such as have a Mind to take a Leaſe of the ſaid Ground, may ſee the Conditions in the Hands of* John Dinn *at the Town Council-chamber, and will find the Magiſtrats ready to treat with them. N. B.* Bruntsfield-links *are to be ſet at the ſame Time.*

*† That there is a Parcel of excellent freſh Spaw Water new come home, ſold at 14 *ſh. Ster.* the Dozen, by Henry Maſſie near the Foot of Black-Frier Wynd.

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